



Investing In The Arts
In the 9-County Area

Artist Grant Writing Workshop

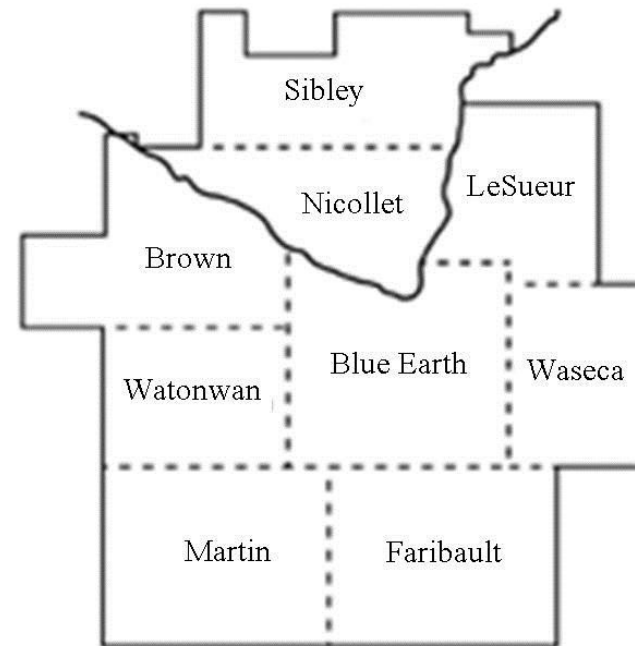


Mission and Geographic Area

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council serves the artistic communities of the 9-county area of southcentral MN by

supporting the creation and presentation of diverse art forms, fostering equitable access to arts opportunities,

and integrating arts and culture to enhance quality of life in our communities.




Are you an Artist Looking for
funds to create new work?

We are here to help you!

**Do you just need money to pay for
some of your time to create work?**

**Prairie Lakes Supports Artists by
offering grants.**

**Staff would be happy to discuss your artist
project idea, contact them by
phone/email.**



Who is eligible to apply?

Do you need a Degree in Art, Literature, Music, Theater, etc.?

No

Can you be a Self-Taught Artist?

Yes

Prairie Lakes is here to help Artists stay creative and encourage your professional development.

Artist Professional Mid-Career Grant

**Artist's
age 25
& above**

- Grant Size \$3,000
- Deadline October 1, 2023
- Projects for Professional Achievement Beyond the Emerging Stage

Timeline

- Projects must be completed within 12 months

Artist Development Grant

Artist's
age 18
& above

- Grant Size \$1,500
- Deadline March 1, 2024
- Projects for Skill and Career Development

Timeline

- Projects must be completed within 12 months

We Encourage Applications from Artists in all Disciplines

This includes dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk art, traditional arts, etc.

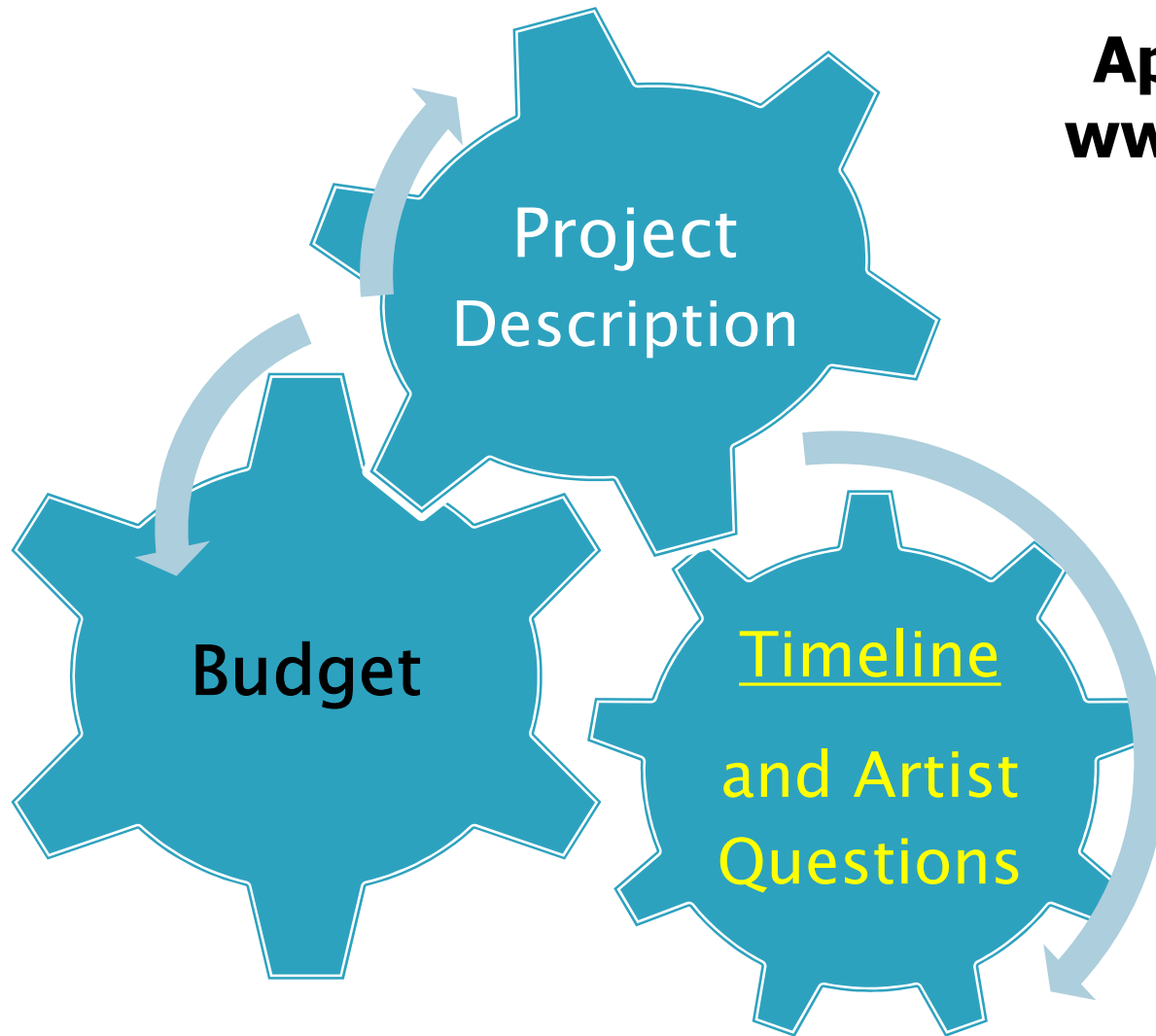


FY 2024 Artist Grants – \$49,500

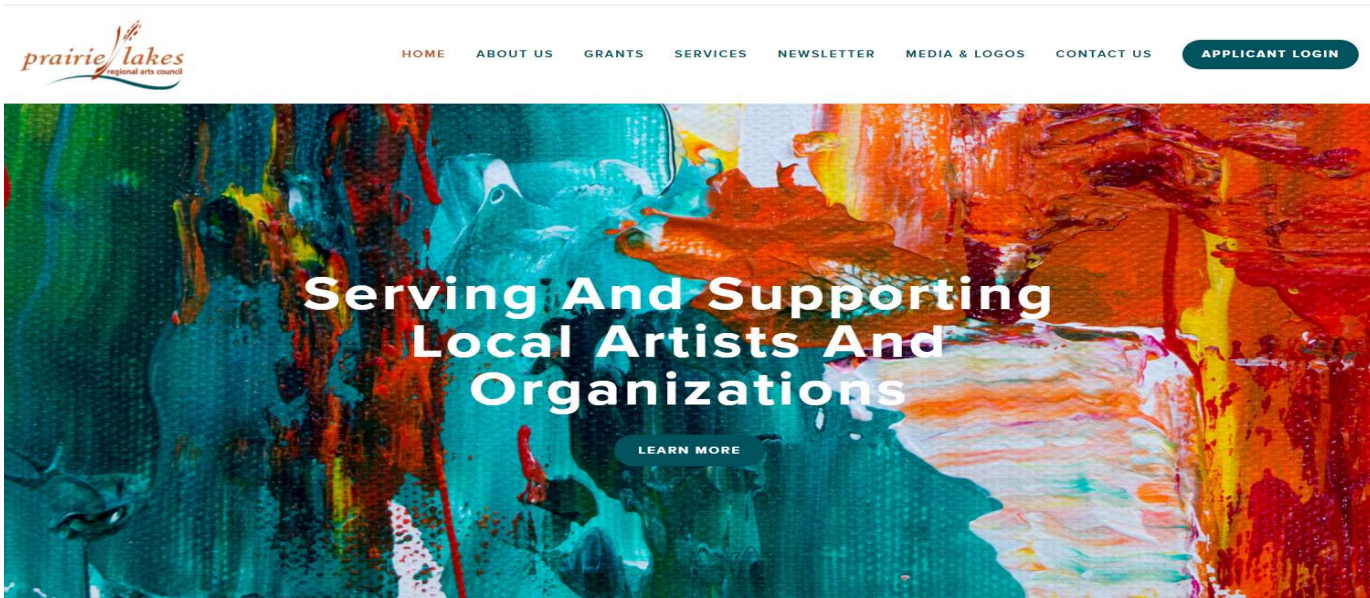
- ▶ Artist Grants of \$3,000 will be awarded to 10 Professional Mid-Career artists and Grants of \$1,500 will be awarded to 13 Career Development artists.
 - ▶ Artists may expand their present work, advance in skill or technique, or move in a new direction.
 - ▶ For a specific project that contributes directly to your growth/development as a professional artist.
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Completing the online Application

**Apply online:
www.plrac.org**



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Click on the teal “Applicant Login” button to access the online grant system.

What Services Do We Provide?

Grant Funding for Artists, Organizations, and Youth Scholarships

Grant Writing Workshops and Technical Assistance

Monthly E-Newsletter, Arts Calendar of Local Arts Events

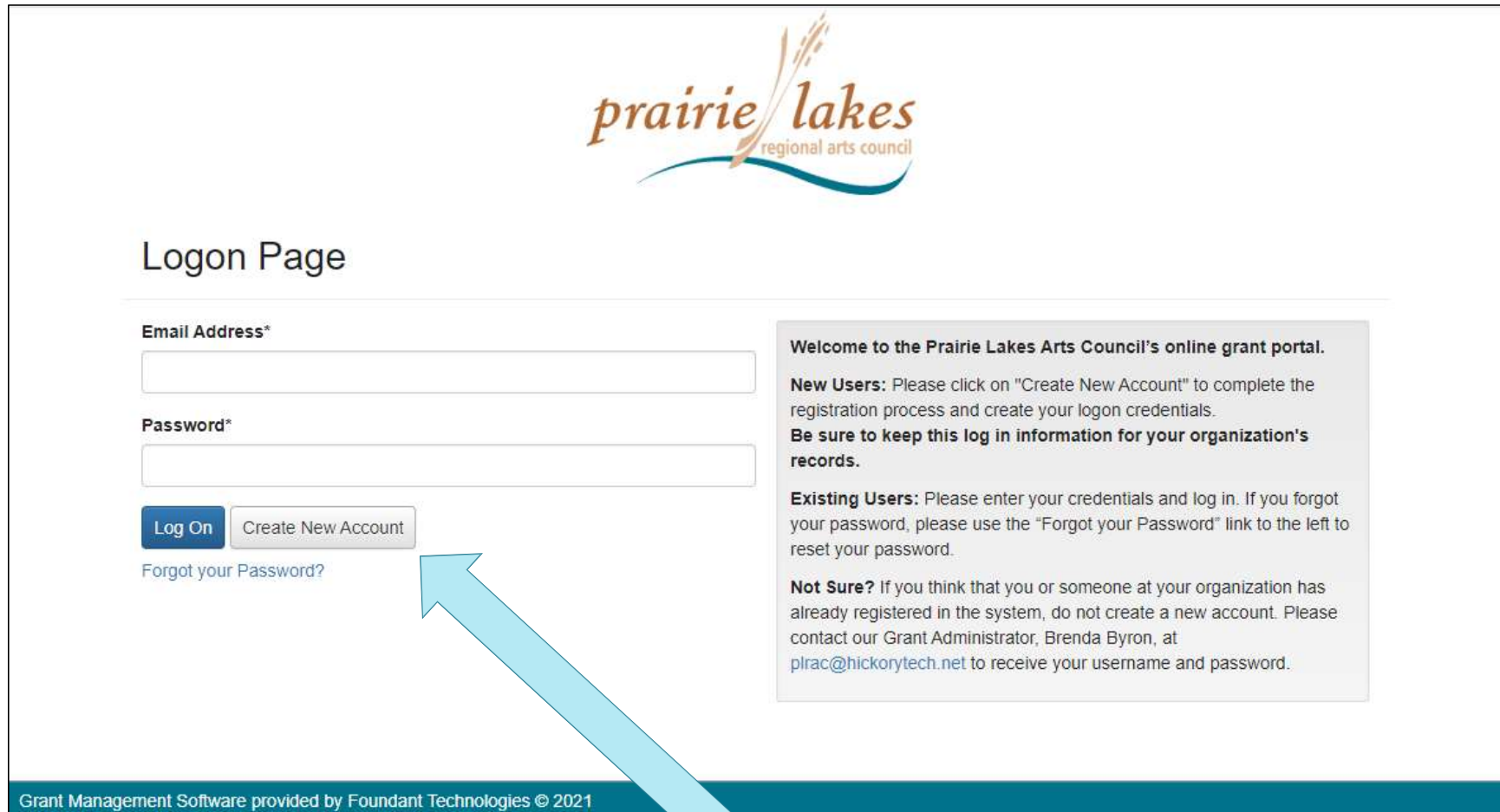


SERVING THE 9-COUNTY REGION

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council provides grants, resources, and advocacy for artists and organizations.

[APPLICANT LOGIN](#)

Creating an Account



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Logon Page

Email Address*

Password*

[Log On](#) [Create New Account](#)

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Welcome to the Prairie Lakes Arts Council's online grant portal.

New Users: Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials.
Be sure to keep this log in information for your organization's records.


Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password" link to the left to reset your password.

Not Sure? If you think that you or someone at your organization has already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact our Grant Administrator, Brenda Byron, at plrac@hickorytech.net to receive your username and password.

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This is the login page you will be directed to create a new account.

Artist Grant Questions

1. Describe the project you will carry out with the grant funds. Provide as much detail as possible, including what, where and when.
 2. Detail the timeline associated with the project.
 3. How will this grant help you continue to do creative work?
 4. Describe Your Career as an Artist. (Your Past Experience)
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Artist Grant Questions

5. Describe Where You Are Now as an Artist (Present Experience)

6. Describe Your Career Goals as an Artist (Future Experiences)

7. How Is This Project Going To Help in Your Career Development?



8. Artist Statement It is a statement that explains & gives details about the artist's intentions of their work.

How - An explanation of the materials and media. What tools do you use? Be as specific as you can.

What - An explanation of the subject matter and concepts explored. What are you communicating? Again, be specific. What sets your work apart from other work?

Why - Why these two aspects reinforce one another.




Artist: How to Use funds

Artist Supplies and Equipment


Workshops, Training, Research or Mentorship

Creative time

Presentation Costs involved in visual art show preparations, portfolio production, studio time for producing a CD/DVD for a composer or musician, a DVD for a choreographer, editorial assistance for a writer, etc.




Artist: Required Documents

- ▶ **Artist Resume**
 - ▶ **Work Samples**
 - ▶ **Work Sample Description page**
 - ▶ **Proof of Residency in 9-county area (Driver's license, MN ID card, etc.)**
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Artist Grant Review Criteria

(0–10 points for each)

1. Contribution to the Artist's Growth
 2. Demonstration of Work and Talent
 3. Artistic Commitment and Public Component
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Grant Review Process

The Prairie Lakes Board reviews grants monthly at meetings. They live in and represent all 9 counties.

They will use the Grant Review Criteria to score and rank each applicant.

Applicants can attend the meeting, which is open to the public.

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month.



Notification of Awarded Grant

Artists will be notified by email if they are funded in the days after the Board Meeting.

Grantees are required to attend a training meeting about their responsibilities.

Grant funds are provided by:

MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION

Equity and Inclusion

Prairie Lakes values an equitable, diverse, and inclusive community and this is reflected in our policies and programs for artists.

We encourage applications from Artists in these areas.

***Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)**

***People with Disabilities**

***LGBTQ+** (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, etc.)

If you are a new artist and need extra assistance in the application process, we would be happy to help you!



Further Questions?

If you want to discuss a specific project idea with our staff . .

Please Email or Call our Office.

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